

REMARKS


The specification has been amended to provide the priority information for this application.

Claims 1-4, 12, 21, 23, 25, 28, 33, 36, 39, 42, 46, and 48-50 have been amended. Claims 5-11, 13-20, 22, 24, 26, 27, 29-32, 34, 35, 37, 38, 40, 41, 43-45, 47, 51-56, and 58 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 2, 12, 21, 23, 36, 42, 48, and 50 have been amended for clarification. Claims 3, 4, 12, 21, 23, 25, 28, 33, 36, 39, 42, 46, 48, and 49 have been rewritten as singly dependent claims. Claims 1, 23, 36, and 50 have been amended to remove language directed to preferred or exemplary embodiments. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-4, 12, 21, 23, 25, 28, 33, 36, 39, 42, 46, 48-50, and 57 are pending.

Favorable consideration and allowance of the application is earnestly solicited.

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